

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:** Place a cross (X) in either the YES or NO box after each article

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**ARTICLE 2.** “Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by the planning board?” (This amendment would substantially revise Section 8.6 of the ordinance relative to the regulation and permitting of signs in the Town.)

YES ☐ NO ☐

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**ARTICLE 3.** “Shall the Town vote to accept the reports of the various Town Officers and to take proper action thereon?”

YES ☐ NO ☐

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**ARTICLE 4.** “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, the sum of \$4,476,786 which represents \$3,639,364 for the Town operating budget, \$485,005 for the Water Fund operating budget and \$352,417 for the Sewer Fund operating budget?”

Should this article be defeated, the default operating budget shall be \$4,123,122 which is the same as last year’s budget\*, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

\*The default budget represents \$3,493,901 for the Town operating budget, \$360,668 for the Water Fund operating budget, and \$268,553 for the Sewer Fund operating budget.

NOTE: This warrant article (operating budgets) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

**The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

YES ☐ NO ☐

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**ARTICLE 5.** “Shall the Town vote, by special warrant article, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Real Estate Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 6 at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of a reappraisal of all real estate in the town as required by law every 5 years?”

**The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

YES ☐ NO ☐

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**ARTICLE 6.** “Shall the Town vote, by special warrant article, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 7 at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting?”

**The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

YES ☐ NO ☐

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**ARTICLE 7.** “Shall the Town vote, by special warrant article, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of fire safety improvements at the Town Hall?” This appropriation will serve as the Town’s contribution toward the match for a \$50,000 grant from the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) which has already been awarded to the Charlestown Historical Society for Town Hall improvements. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or December 31, 2014, whichever is sooner.

**The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

**YES** ☐

**NO** ☐

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**ARTICLE 8.** “Shall the Town vote, by special warrant article, to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of masonry restoration and preservation at the Silsby Library/Municipal Building and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the fund?”

**The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

**YES** ☐

**NO** ☐

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**ARTICLE 9.** “Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a 10 year lease-purchase agreement for the acquisition of a new motor grader for the Highway Department at a total cost of \$203,000 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,018 as the first year’s payment toward said lease-purchase?” Future annual payments in years 2-10 would be continue to be \$25,018. The lease-purchase agreement shall contain a non-appropriation or “escape” clause providing that should the scheduled lease payment not be appropriated in future years, the equipment will be returned to the lessor with no further obligations or liabilities on behalf of the Town. (Majority vote required.)

**The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

**YES** ☐

**NO** ☐

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**ARTICLE 10.** “Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a 5 year lease-purchase agreement for the acquisition of a new ambulance at a total cost of \$165,786 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,258 as the first year’s payment toward said lease-purchase?” Future annual payments in years 2-5 would be continue to be \$36,258. The lease-purchase agreement shall contain a non-appropriation or “escape” clause providing that should the scheduled lease payment not be appropriated in future years, the equipment will be returned to the lessor with no further obligations or liabilities on behalf of the Town. (Majority vote required.)

**The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

**YES** ☐

**NO** ☐

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**ARTICLE 11.** “Shall the Town vote, by special warrant article, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the continuation of the regularly scheduled transportation services provided by the Community Alliance of Human Services?” This appropriation reflects an increase of \$2,000 over the combined 2011 appropriation raised through the operating budget and a warrant article and also reflects an expansion of service from two routes per day serving Charlestown to three routes per day.

**The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

**YES** ☐ **NO** ☐

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**ARTICLE 12.** “Shall the Town vote, by special warrant article, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the continuation of the volunteer driver program to be provided by the Community Alliance of Human Services?” This appropriation reflects an increase of \$200 over the 2011 appropriation raised through a warrant article and would continue the service provided by the Red Cross, which will end this summer.

**The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

**YES** ☐ **NO** ☐

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**ARTICLE 13.** “Shall the Town vote, by special warrant article, to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$28,000 for the purpose of publishing an updated Town History?” This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the updated Town History is completed or December 31, 2014, whichever is sooner. All proceeds from the sale of the History, when published, shall accrue to the Town’s General Fund and it is anticipated this cost will be fully recovered over time.

**The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.**

**The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.**

**YES** ☐ **NO** ☐

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**ARTICLE 14.** “Shall the Town vote to make the position of Fire Chief an appointed position pursuant to the provisions of RSA 154:1, I(a) with the appointment to be made by the Selectboard based on qualifications, training and experience?” Remaining officers shall be elected by the membership of the firefighters pursuant to RSA 154:1, III. If approved, this article shall take effect one (1) year from the date of the vote pursuant to the provisions of RSA 154:1, IV. (By Petition)

**YES** ☐ **NO** ☐

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**ARTICLE 15.** “What course of action does the Town wish to take with regards to the fire station?” The existing fire station would require at least \$350,000 to repair the roof and address identified structural deficiencies and still would not be fully code compliant. It is estimated that a comparable new, fully code compliant building could be built for approximately \$525,000. This article is advisory only and non-binding in nature; it does not involve the appropriation of any funds at this time.

☐ **Repair/improve existing building**

☐ **Pursue construction of new building**

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**ARTICLE 16.** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

**YES** ☐ **NO** ☐

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